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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL JP OFFICIAL BELIEVES DEMIREL'S REPUTATION AS A MAN WHO CAN STAND UP TO MILITARY, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ECEVIT'S REPUTATION AS LEFTIST ARE THREE ADVANTAGES WHICH WILL GIVE JP MAJOR VICTORY IN OCT 14 ELECTION. HE ALSO ASSETS RPP CAMPAIGNING WELL WITH SOME SUCCESS, NSP WORKING HARD WITH LIMITED SUCCESS, BUT BOTH DP AND RRP GROWING WEAKER. HE SAYS JP WOULD NOT HESITATE TO FORM

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COALITION GOVT WITH ANY PARTY EXCEPT NSOP. IN HIS OPINION NSP SHOWING WILL BE GOOD GAUGE OF MATURITY OF TURKEY'S DEMOCRACY. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF SEPT 21 JP PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN SAID PARTY WAS ENTERING CAMPAIGN WITH THREE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES WHICH WOULD INSURE ELECTION OF 280 JP DEPUTIES ON OCT 14. THE FIRST OF THESE ADVANTAGES LIES IN FACT THAT DEMIREL HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS POLITICAL COMEBACK SINCE BEING FORCED OUT OF POWER BY MILITARY IN 1971, AND THAT AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THIS SPRING HE HAS ACQUIRED POSITIVE IMAGE AS THE MAN WHO CAN AND DID STAND UP TO THE MILITARY.

3. THE SECOND ADVANTAGE LIES IN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE JP CAN CLAIM CREDIT FOR RECENT INCREASES IN PRODUCER PRICES WHILE DISCLAIMING ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAPIDLY INCREASING INFLATION OF LAST TWO YEARS. LINE OF ARGUMENT IS THAT ABOVE-PARTY GOVERNMENT, EVEN ONE DOMINATED BY JP, INADEQUATE TO TASK OF CONTROLLING INFLATION. ON THE OTHER HAND THE JP MAKES THE LOGICALLY INCONSISTENT BUT POLITICALLY

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EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT THAT PRODUCERS SHOULD CREDIT THEM WITH RECENT PRICE INCREASES SINCE PRESENT GOVERNMENT JP CONTROLLED.

4. THE THIRD ADVANTAGE RESULTS FROM A WIDESPREAD FEAR THAT ECEVIT EITHER IS A COMMUNIST OR IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. JP PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN CANDIDLY ADMITTED BELIEF UNFOUNDED, BUT CLAIMED THAT IN DISTRICTS LIKE IZMIR'S ALSANCAK WHERE ONLY 45 PERCENT OF "WHISKEY DRINKING RICH MEN" NORMALLY WENT TO THE POLLS, PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER BECAUSE OF FEAR OF ECEVI.

5. DURING CONVERSATION JP SPOKESMAN ALSO MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION ABOUT OTHER PARTIES. RPP IS WORKING VERY HARD AND WOULD WIN APPROXIMATELY 110 SEATS IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. NSP ALSO WORKING HARD AND A POTENTIAL THREAT TO JP BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTY TO WIN MORE THAN 15 SEATS -- NONE IN AEGEAN AREA. BOTH DP AND RRP WOULD COME OUT OF ELECTION SUBSTANTIALLY WEAKER. NEITHER PARTY REPRESENTED THREAT TO JP.

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF HOW PARTY WOULD DEAL WITH SITUATION IN WHICH PARTY RECEIVED PLURALITY, HE SAID JP COULD EASILY FORM COALITION WITH RPP OR WITH ANY OTHER PARTY EXCEPT NSP. HE DID NOT VENTURE AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER DEMIREL WOULD WANT TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

7. IN EVENT JP WINS MAJORITY HE AGREED PARTY DISCIPLINE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. HE SAID THE MARCH 12 MEMORANDUM WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN WRITTEN IF THERE HAD BEEN ADEQUATE PARTY DISCIPLINE. WHILE HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR PARTY AS WHOLE, HE BELIEVED IZMIR ORGANIZATION MUCH MORE DISCIPLINED AS RESULT OF PRE-ELECTIONS IN WHICH A FEW INTELLECTUALS HAD BEEN REPLACED BY MEN WHO GAVE PRIMACY TO PARTY DISCIPLINE. HE OFFERED THE OPINION THAT A PARTY NEEDED A FEW INTELLECTUALS AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP BUT THE MEN WHO UNQUESTIONINGLY SUBMITTED TO PARTY DISCIPLINE WERE THE ONES WHO ENABLED A PARTY TO RULE EFFECTIVELY.

8. ASKED HOW HP PLANNED TO ATTACK PROBLEM OF EVER INCREASING INFLATION RATE, HE SAID JP HAD EXTENSIVE

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PLANS TO UTILIZE NOW IDLE RESERVES TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT. UNFORTUNATELY HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW INCREASED INVESTMENT AND RESULTANT INCREASE IN MONEY SUPPLY WOULD CONTROL INFLATION.

9. JP PROVINCIAL LEADER MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS: HE SAID MILITARY WOULD NOT INTERVENE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAIN, EVEN IF RELATIVELY UNSTABLE SITUATION RESULTED FROM ELECTION. HE ALSO PROFESSED TO BE CONFIDENT THE TURKS OF TODAY WOULD NOT SUCCUMB TO THE RELIGIOUS APPEALS OF THE NSP, BUT HE ADMITTED THAT A STRONG NSP SHOWING POSSIBLE. HE SAID THE NSP SHOWING WOULD BE A GOOD GAUGE OF THE MATURITY OF DEMOCRACY IN THE TURKISH REPUBLIC.

10. COMMENT: JP PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN VERY FORTHRIGHT AND WILLING TO ENGAGE FREELY IN WIDE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HIS COMMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR CONTROL OF INFLATION, WERE REASONED AND ALMOST COMPLETELY DEVOID OF POSURING OFTEN ENCOUNTERED. HIS CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY WAS TEMPERED BY RECOGNITION MAY NEW FACTORS IN 1973 ELECTION

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